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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**Mail Stop: AF**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 1, 2007 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith (i) a **Petition for Extension of Time** extending the period of response from May 1, 2007 to and including August 1, 2007; (ii) a **Notice of Appeal**; and (iii) an **Amendment Fee Transmittal**. An **Interview Summary** of the telephonic interview held on July 17, 2006 can be found in the Remarks below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.